

NEWS AND GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF FRATERNAL BODIES

LOCAL FRATERNAL BODIES RICH IN REALTY HOLDINGS

Property Valued at Over a Million--New Masonic Temple.

ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY

Valuations Have Increased 218 Per Cent--Handsome Buildings to Adorn City.

Fraternal bodies are to play no unimportant part in the evolution of the Greater Washington if the developments of the past few years are indicative of what may be expected in the future. With present holdings of realty aggregating upward of a million dollars plans are already under way looking to the doubling of their holdings and the erection of handsome buildings that will be ornaments to the city and landmarks second only in importance to the Capitol, the Washington Monument, and the magnificent structure in which is housed the Library of Congress.

What fraternalism is doing for the development of the city is a subject in which probably half of the city's population is interested in one way or another and yet but few realize that the new Masonic Temple, soon to be erected on Thirteenth street at the intersection of New York avenue and H street, will represent an investment as great as the total value of the real estate holdings that have been accumulated by the united orders in the past half century.

An Increase of 218 Per Cent.

If figured upon a percentage basis it will be found that the buildings that have been erected in the past few years, augmented by those for which plans have been drawn and which may be looked upon as improvements certain of consummation in the near future, will represent an increase of 218 per cent over the total holdings accumulated since the dawn of the city's history. The older buildings, in distinction from those recently constructed or for which ground has not yet been broken, at a liberal valuation will not represent a greater sum than \$250,000. In comparison with this improvement now accomplished or for which plans have assumed a tangible shape, involve expenditures exceeding \$1,420,000, which together with present holdings will bring the total value of real estate in the District of Columbia owned by fraternal organizations considerably over \$2,000,000.

Of the older buildings Odd Fellows Hall and the Masonic Temple stand conspicuously to the fore. The former is located on the east side of Seventh street northwest, and for years was the gathering place of the most conspicuous and representative audiences in the Capital City. Here many historic events have transpired, and its unmistakable outlines will ever stand conspicuous in the memories of those whose thoughts revert to the scenes when tramping thousands turned their footsteps from the bloody battlefields of Virginia toward the Northern homes, to take up again the cythe in place of the sword and bayonet, which they had so long wielded with a bravery equaled only by the foes whom they had faced.

The Old Mother Lodge Building.

The old Masonic Temple, at the northwest corner of Ninth and F streets northwest, while not so old a structure, is none the less conspicuous in the memory of the older residents of the city. While constructed primarily for the housing of the many lodges affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, its large hall was frequently the gathering place of distinguished audiences of a more general character. The building was constructed and is owned by a stock company, in which many of the lodges, commanderies, and chapters are interested.

The building long since has been outgrown, however, and a number of the lodges have found it desirable to acquire their own halls in the localities in which their members reside. Among the buildings that have thus been erected or purchased is the comfortable property at Fourth street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, owned by Naval Lodge; the building in Georgetown in which the several lodges in that locality are interested; the Masonic hall just across the bridge in Anacostia; and several smaller holdings. The Scottish Rite Hall at 1067 G street northwest, is another Masonic holding that is rapidly increasing in value, as is also the home of this branch of the order, for the Southern Jurisdiction, at 433 Third street northwest.

The home of the Elks, on E street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, northwest, not forgetting the Odd Fellows Hall, in Georgetown, completes the list of those buildings that are identified with the older city.

Foremost among the newer structures stands the beautiful building that has been designed to occupy the commanding location at the corner of New York avenue and Thirteenth street, where in the Washington home of Masonry will find quarters. When completed it will stand as a monument to unrecorded heroes of both sexes, whose self-sacrifice and devotion will soon culminate in the accomplishment of a purpose that is overwhelming in magnitude, and fraught with difficulties that at times seemed almost unsurmountable. From morning until far into the night, for weeks at a time, men and women worked side by side, in their efforts to bring to a successful conclusion the several fair and many enterprises that have been the means of obtaining the necessary money for the enterprise.

Property Will Cost Half Million.

The total price for the land was \$110,000, the first fair raising the necessary funds to make the purchase and the second one, which proved even more successful than the first, netting nearly \$90,000, paying off the indebtedness and



HOME OF THE I. O. O. F.

leaving the property free of incumbrance. A building to cost about \$350,000 has been planned, and with the furnishings the total investment will exceed \$500,000. It is understood that building operations may be begun within the year, being deterred from immediate action only by a determination to limit the bonded indebtedness to an extremely small sum.

While their plans have not progressed as far as have the plans of the Masons, the Odd Fellows occupy a more advantageous position at the start. In the beginning the Masons started with nothing in the treasury, as the owners of the present temple were entirely independent of the movement for the new one. With the Odd Fellows, on the other hand, they have a valuable property that is owned by the order, and for which they have been offered \$225,000. The offer was declined, as it was the general opinion that it should not be started for less than \$250,000. This figure is the point upon which rests the construction of the new hall, as no definite steps will be taken, it is believed, until the price for the old building is secured. When this amount is in sight plans for a \$500,000 building will be announced, with a belief that when completed the grand jurisdiction of the District of Columbia will be housed in the handsomest structure of the kind in this part of the country.

Second only in importance to the new Masonic Temple itself is the building that has been designed for the Ladies of the Eastern Star. When completed it will represent an investment of \$150,000. A beautiful lot of ground has been secured near Takoma, and one of the wings of the building has been constructed.

Pythian Hall is already an accomplished fact, the lot having been bought several years ago and a well-designed building placed thereon at an expenditure of nearly \$100,000. As an investment, the property is more than meeting the expectations of the promoters, as every hall and lodge room is in constant demand by good tenants, and at a good figure.

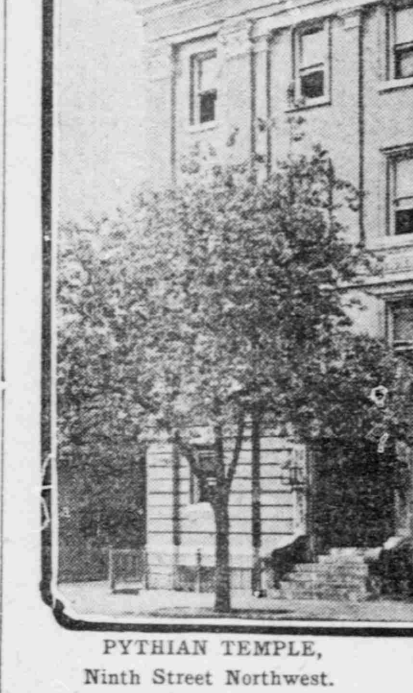
Elks to Build Club House.

Plans for the new home for the Elks are still fresh in the minds of the reading public. These plans contemplate the erection of one of the most striking buildings in the city on the north side of H street between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, at a cost of upward of \$100,000. The plans are by Architect E. Stanley Simmons, who states that the building will be unlike anything of the kind in the city.

In contemplating the big enterprises that are being embarked upon by other orders it is pleasing to note the accomplishment of the Knights of Columbus, who several years ago purchased the old E Street Baptist Church and remodeled it for their use at a cost of \$30,000. At their recent fair they cleared nearly \$8,000, which completely wiped out the indebtedness on the property, and gives them a beautiful home free of incumbrance.

Directly across the street, in the property of the old Concordia Club, the Elks will make their headquarters. The property, which has a good frontage on the north side of E street and extends back several hundred feet on Sixth street, has been purchased at a cost said to exceed \$40,000, and notice will be served upon the present occupants of the building to vacate, if it has not already been done.

While this list embraces those enterprises that have already assumed tangible form, it must not be forgotten that many other orders have under consideration the matter of the erection of buildings suitable for their purposes. Among them may be mentioned the Royal Arcanum, the local members of which went so far as to incorporate and to open subscription books under a plan for the erection of a building to cost about \$50,000. The plan was abandoned, however, as the supreme council disapproved the use of the name of the order in any enterprise in which any persons other than the members of the order, or its councils, were interested, and outside help was contemplated. It is understood that a revision of plans has been effected, however, and in certain quarters it is even intimated



PYTHIAN TEMPLE, Ninth Street Northwest.

that the supreme council may be instrumental in securing the erection of the building.

Center of Insurance Fraternities.
In view of the growing tendency for national supervision of insurance concerns of all kinds engaged in the transaction of an interstate business, it is believed that the day is not far distant when Washington, or that portion of it which embraces an insurance feature, and that the national bodies will find it to their advantage to be represented in this city to an extent that will make the erection of distinctive buildings advisable and profitable. At all events with the growth of the city it will be found that the local lodges and councils are not lacking in enterprise to meet the demands that will be made upon them, and that fraternalism will conspicuously participate in the up-building of a Greater Washington.

COLUMBIA LODGE, I. O. O. F., SEMI-ANNUAL ELECTION

Columbia Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., held a largely attended meeting Thursday night at its hall on Seventh street, to River View, Supreme Commander Hon. D. P. Markey is expected to be present, and deliver an address, also the State commander of Maryland has accepted an invitation.

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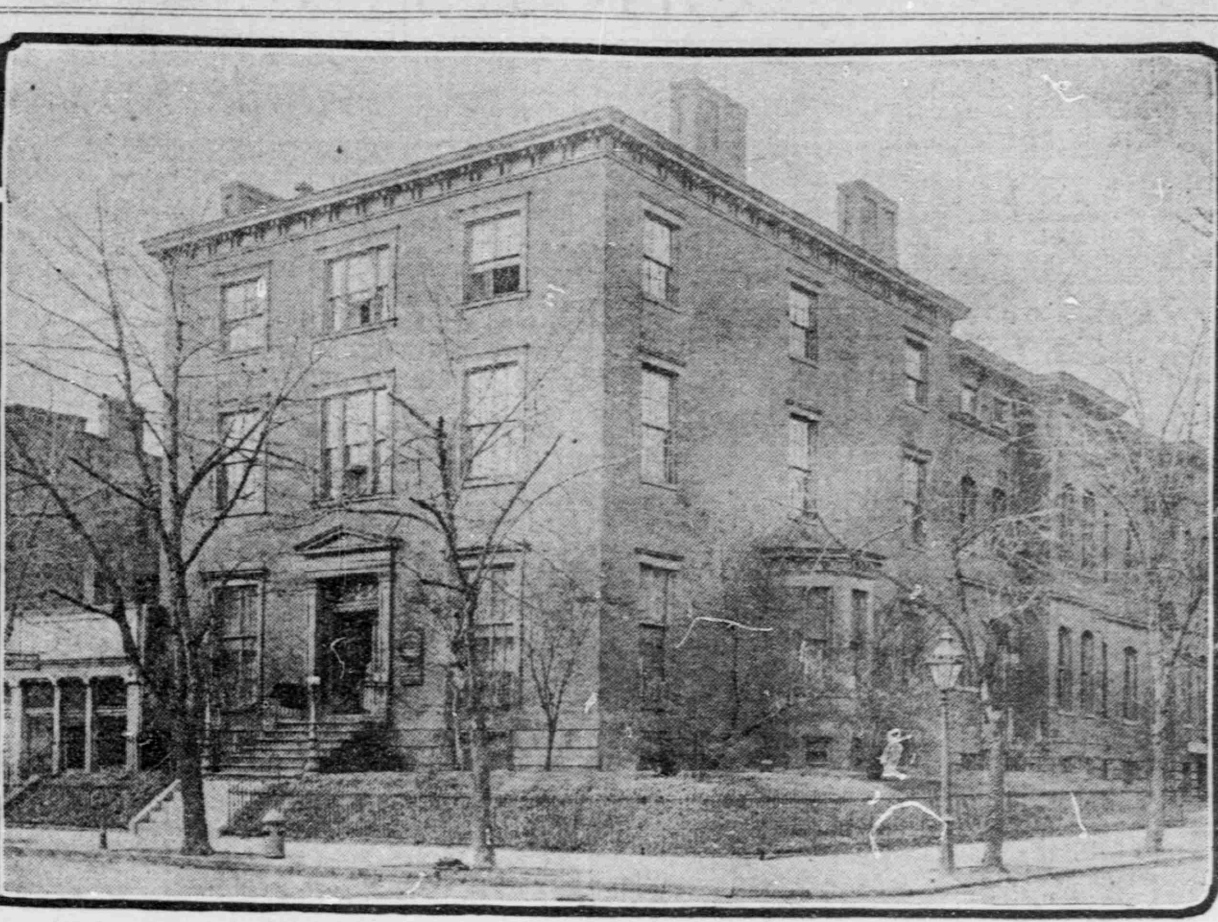
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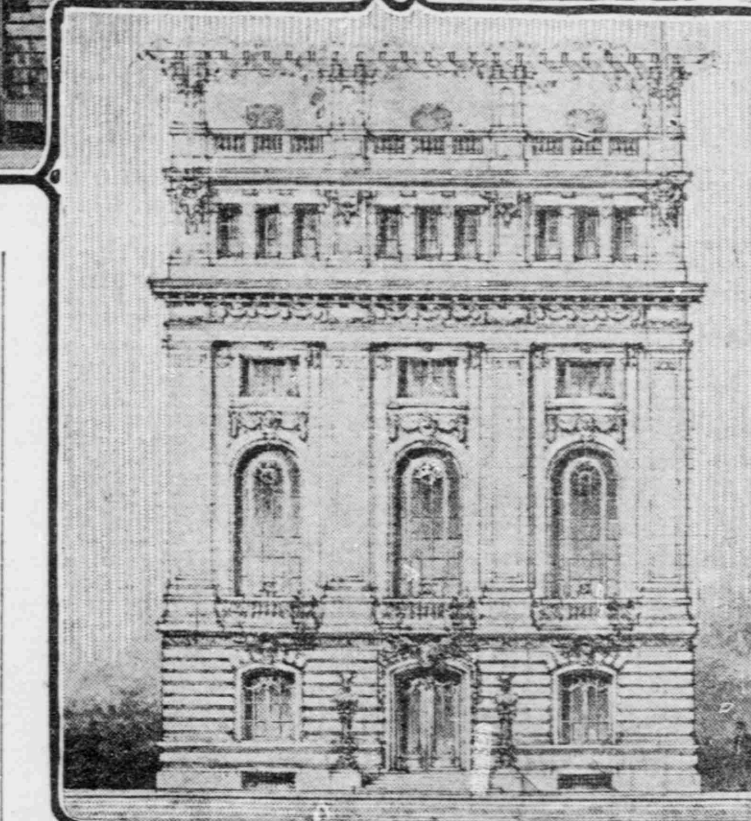
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SUBSTANTIAL CLUB HOUSE OF THE F. O. EAGLES.



FRONT AND SIDE VIEW PROPOSED MASONIC TEMPLE.



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Tent, No. 6, will initiate a class of new members. The tent is aiming to get 200 members in the near future.

Ladies of the Maccabees.

Mrs. Melva Caswell, lady State commander for the District of Columbia, will spend the month of July at her home in Ohio, and during her absence the work in the District of Columbia will be in charge of Mrs. Van Ness, the deputy State commander.

Mt. Vernon Hive, No. 2, has just beat all competitors for the cash prize offered by the supreme hive, and won with hands down. The hive has been the leading hive for a long time in this city in point of growth, and is destined to soon be the banner hive in the District of Columbia, under the superior leadership of Mrs. Van Ness, the deputy and commander of the hive. In addition to winning the cash prize of \$10, it has won several sets of dishes, which have been offered as prizes by the supreme hive.

On Friday night, just passed, this hive initiated eleven new members, clearing up all the applications for membership and adding about ten more members during the period of the contest than any other hive in the city.

A number of the hives are arranging for a joint excursion to Luna Park some time in the month of July.

Improved Order of Red Men

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance at the regular burning of the council fire of Sioux Tribe, No. 18, Improved Order of Red Men, at their wigwam, 910 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, on last Tuesday's sleep. Officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: Prophet, A. Brem; sachem, F. L. Snow; senior sagamore, William W. Wagner; junior sagamore, Harry J.

WOMEN'S BATTLE FOR THE BALLOT

Alice Stone Blackwell Tells Story of a Close Contest in Oregon.

LOST BY NARROW MARGIN

Vicious Element, Saloons and Society Women Worked Against Suffragists.

Alice Stone Blackwell, since the death of Susan B. Anthony, is easily the most prominent figure identified with the woman suffrage movement. In a statement on the subject of the defeat of the equal suffrage amendment which was recently voted on by the people of Oregon, the successor to Miss Anthony as leader of the woman suffrage cause, says:

"The campaign over the equal suffrage amendment in Oregon, which has just closed, brought out in strong relief the kind of forces arrayed for and against equal rights for women. The amendment was endorsed by the State Grange, the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and the State Federation of Labor; it had the support of the majority of the churches, and of a remarkably large proportion of the press. Out of the 238 newspapers published in Oregon, only seven opposed equal suffrage. It had against it the organized liquor interest, the 'machine' of the dominant political party, almost all the trusts and large corporations, the Southern Pacific railroad, and all the vicious interests. A handful of society women in Portland also formed themselves into an anti-suffrage association, and worked against it, but their influence was trifling compared with that of these other forces of opposition.

"The Brewers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of Oregon sent out to the retail liquor sellers a circular saying: 'It will take 50,000 votes to defeat woman suffrage. There are 2,000 retailers in Oregon. That means that every retailer must bring in twenty-five votes on election day. Every retailer can get twenty-five votes. Besides his employees, he has his grocer, his butcher, his landlord, his laundryman, and every person he does business with. If every man in the business will do this, we will win.'

"When we consider that, out of the 90,000 registered voters of Oregon, 2,000 are retail liquor sellers, it will be seen that this alone was a serious factor in the campaign.

Liquor Interest Deal.

"The liquor interest also made a deal with the dominant political party of Oregon, by which the party machine agreed to throw its weight against equal suffrage in return for a large contribution from the liquor dealers to the party campaign fund.

"Almost all the trusts and great corporations signed an appeal to the voters against it. They naturally objected to anything that would give more power to the people. The Southern Pacific Railroad, which is said almost to own Oregon, likewise used all its influence against the amendment, as the Boston and Maine Railroad did when an equal suffrage amendment was pending in New Hampshire a few years ago. Evidently the railroad magnates fear that women will prove less amenable than men to corporation influence. It was said that the railroad companies in Oregon opposed the amendment on the ground that 'women were erratic, and would be likely to favor 3-cent fares.'

"The vicious elements were solidly opposed, of course. An indecent card was mailed to the voters throughout the State, and distributed in large quantities at the polls. The young man who was employed as manager of the group of suffragists had been earning his living as agent for the women who run disreputable houses in Portland. His character and profession were notorious.

Group of Millionaires' Wives.

"The 'Massachusetts' Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women' has now sent out a letter asserting that the amendment was defeated chiefly by the 'Oregon Association Opposed to the Extension of Suffrage to Women.' The little group of millionaires' wives in Portland who ranged themselves against equal suffrage, to anyone who knows the facts, this statement is simply laughable. The Portland Oregonian, the leading daily of the State, and one of the few papers in Oregon that do not favor the amendment, said editorially of the Oregon anti-suffragists:

"There are a few agents, and sound ones, against woman suffrage, but women who live in luxury and ease, and spend their time over rich gowns, bridge, and pink teas, cannot represent them. Every protest from women of this class against woman suffrage makes votes for it."

"The amendment had against it the strongest combine ever formed against any public measure in Oregon; yet it got an extraordinarily large vote. The question has been submitted in Oregon three times. Twenty-two years ago it was defeated almost three to one; six years ago it was defeated by a very small majority, and this year it came so near carrying that for a week after the election the Oregon women did not know if they had won or lost.

"Under the initiative and referendum law of that State, they can have the question submitted as often as they wish; and they are already taking the necessary measures to have it submitted again at the next election. 'No question is ever settled till it is settled right.'"

JUST LIKE A STORY.

Byssus, of which fine, iridescent stockings and shawls are made in Sicily, is a silk made by a fish. The pupa is a Mediterranean shellfish that has an odd little tube at the end of its tongue. Out of this tube, spider-fashion, or silk-worm-fashion, it spins a silk thread, with which it fastens itself to the rock that it wishes to adhere to. When the pupa moves on its fastenings, its silken cable remains behind. This cable, which is called byssus, the Sicilian fishermen gather. Byssus weaves into the softest, finest, sheenest of fabrics, but it is very rare and expensive.—Popular Science Siftings.

Recent Hot Weather Empties Lodge Rooms

The hot weather of the past week has had a depressing effect upon the attendance in the lodge rooms of the city and in many instances it has been only with the greatest difficulty that the chairs have been diled and the duties have been proceeded with. Following the example set by the Royal Arcanum the preceding week, a number of lodges abandoned the oppressive meeting chambers in the city for the cooling breezes of the lower Potomac or Chesapeake bay.

Most notable among the army of ex-cursionists were the members of Columbia Commandery, who, with their ladies, were out in force. For those who are acquainted with the make-up of this organization it would be superfluous to say that they had a good time. It is a fact, however, that of all the excursions upon which the Sir Knights have embarked none will linger longer in their memories.

Esther Lodge Elects Officers.

The semi-annual election of officers of Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., was held Monday night and resulted in the selection of the following officers for the ensuing six months: Noble grand, Mrs. L. A. Kelsner; vice grand, Mrs. L. H. Phillips; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary Pollock; financial secretary, Mrs. Belle H. Gibson; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Laughlin.

Invitations have been extended to the four other Rebekah lodges in this jurisdiction to attend the meeting of Esther Lodge, Monday, July 2, on which occasion the officers will be installed with impressive ceremonies.

Lady Maccabees Active.

That industry is inseparable from a successful hive seems to be thoroughly

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